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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for carrying loads on inclined surfaces, comprising:

 a body having a support surface adapted to fixedly support a load;

 an endless track connected to the ~~support surface~~ body and adapted to propel the apparatus on an inclined surface;

 a power source for actuating the endless track;
and

 an anti-roll device for increasing a length of the apparatus beyond the endless track in a direction of movement of the apparatus on the inclined surface to prevent an overturning of the apparatus when transporting loads, the anti-roll device being at least one arm being mounted to the body by a linear joint so as to projecting longitudinally away from the support surface in a projecting position thereof, the ~~at least one arm~~ anti-roll device being completely above a plane of an undersurface of the apparatus in the projecting position and free of contact with the inclined surface at any time during movement of the apparatus along the inclined surface, the at least one arm being retractable to a tucked position within the body, a direction of movement of the arm moving between the projecting position and the tucked position being generally parallel the undersurface of the apparatus.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one arm projects rearwardly from the apparatus in a projecting position thereof.

3. (CANCELLED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 3~~1~~, wherein an actuation of a displacement of the at least one

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arm from the ~~retracted~~-tucked position to the projecting position is automated as a function of an inclination of the apparatus.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the endless track has pairs of wheels connected at the front and the rear of the support surface, some of the wheels having longitudinal fingers, and wherein complementary fingers within the endless track mesh with the longitudinal fingers for motion transmission therebetween, and further comprising a brake having blocking fingers engaging with some of the longitudinal fingers of at least one of the wheels for blocking the endless track so as to prevent an unwanted displacement of the apparatus on an inclined surface.

6. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a roller system with rollers selectively deployable for displacing the apparatus without the endless track on given surfaces.

7. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the roller system has an actuated mechanism connected to the power source for deploying the rollers.

8. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the roller system has four rollers, with one roller positioned adjacent to each corner of the apparatus.

9. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the rollers each have a swivel mechanism.

10. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the support surface is pivotally displaceable with respect to a remainder of the apparatus so as to be selectively oriented for carrying a load on an inclined surface.

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11. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the support surface is displaceable with respect to a height dimension of the apparatus, for facilitating the reception and discharge of a load thereon from or onto an elevated surface.

12. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a cylindrical roller mounted to the apparatus adjacent to the support surface, for facilitating the positioning of a load onto the support surface.

13.-24. (CANCELLED)